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1. SUMMARY. IN TOUR D'HORIZON WITH DIRGEN FORMIN PELAGHIAS ON MAY 20, DCM DISCUSSED ALL REFTEL ITEMS--PUERTO RICO, KOREA, MIDDLE EAST. ACCORDING TO PELAGHIAS, GOC WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO US POSITIONS BUT RESTRAINED IN SUPPORT OF US BECAUSE OF REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN BACKING IN UN FOR GREEK-CYPRIOT POSITION ON CYPRUS QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN COURSE OF GENERAL CONVERSATION, DCM NOTED THAT NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NACC) FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL BE MEETING ON MAY 30. US UNDERSTANDS MINISTERS WILL HAVE ANNOTATED AGENDA ON MANY ISSUES; SOME ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US. DCM THEN MADE GENERAL POINTS ON ALL THREE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO US USING BACKGROUND PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED.

3. PELAGHIAS LISTENED WITH INTEREST BUT WAS CANDID THAT GOC MUST BEHAVE IN UN IN SUCH A WAY
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THAT NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT FOR GOC ON CYPRUS PROBLEM

IS MAXIMIZED. HE SAID THAT ON PUERTO RICO, GOC PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT US IF ISSUE COMES TO A VOTE. ON KOREA, GOC WILL AVOID HIGH PROFILE. (WE TOOK THIS TO MEAN THAT, AS LAST YEAR GOC PROBABLY WOULD ABSTAIN IF FACED WITH TWO COMPETING RESOLUTIONS.)

4. PELAGHIAS SAID THAT MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IS BY FAR THE MOST DIFFICULT FOR GOC. ROOM FOR MANEUVER BY GOC IS SHARPLY LIMITED BECAUSE ARAB AND OTHER MOSLEM COUNTRY VOTES ARE VITAL IN UN CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS QUESTION. TURKEY IS MAKING A STRONG EFFORT TO WIN ARAB STATES TO ITS SIDE AS DEMONSTRATED BY RECENT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN ISTANBUL, OFFER TO ALLOW PLO OFFICE TO OPEN IN TURKEY, ETC. GOC WILL BE WORKING VERY HARD ALL SUMMER TO ASSURE THAT TURKS ARE NOT ABLE TO TRANSLATE THIS ACTIVITY INTO ANTI-GREEK CYPRIOT VOTES AT UNGA.

5. FURTHER, GOC IS TROUBLED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ISRAEL'S WEST BANK. THE STERN SECURITY MEASURES THAT HAVE INVOLVED INJURY AND DEATH OF APPARENT INNOCENTS ARE EFFECTIVELY CAUSING SOME DRIFT AWAY FROM SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. PELAGHIAS SAID HE HAD MADE THE POINT TO ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HERE. HE HOPED THE ADVICE WOULD BE TAKEN AS THAT OF A FRIEND FOR WHOM THE WEST BANK ONLY INCREASES PROBLEMS IN UN CONTEXT.

6. IN SUM, PELAGHIAS SAID THAT GOC'S ROOM FOR MANEUVER ON SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL IS SMALL. WITHIN THAT AREA GOC WILL WORK TO PREVENT SUSPENSION ALTHOUGH NO FINAL PREDICTION CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME AS TO WHAT CYPRUS VOTE WOULD BE IF ISSUE PUSHED THAT FAR IN UNGA. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON ZIONISM IS RACISM QUESTION BUT LAST YEAR CYPRUS VOTED FOR ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION.

7. COMMENT: IN CYPRUS, EVERY ISSUE IS VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GREEK/TURKISH CONFRONTATION. GOC IS EMBARKED ON A PROGRAM CALLING FOR MORE "INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF

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CYPRUS PROBLEMS. THIS INVOLVES MORE ACTION IN UNGA AND UNSC. IN THESE ACTIVITIES, GOC NATURALLY WANTS TO MAXIMIZE SUPPORT IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM). INSOFAR AS GOC IS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING NAM AS A BLOC TO SUPPORT ITS POSITION, GOC WILL FEEL CONSTRAINED TO VOTE AS PART OF THE BLOC ON OTHER ISSUES. WE BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY USG WILL RECEIVE TANGIBLE GOC SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITIONS ON

PUERTO RICO, KOREA AND ISRAEL. PERHAPS BEST WE
CAN EXPECT IS THAT GOC WILL NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE US POSI-
TIONS. IN NAM ITSELF, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT GOC TO TAKE
ANY INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF OR AGAINST US POSITIONS
ON ANY OF THESE ISSUES. WE WILL CONTINUE PRESS THE
US CASE AT ALL APPROPRIATE LEVELS. END COMMENT.

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